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[illegible] I have a chance of sending my letters and I will improve it, We have had a big battle of which you will no doubt hear before this reaches you. Our Regiment has suffered very much, from 150 to 200 killed & wounded, but Capt Watsons company suffered but little, no one hurt that I am acquainted with. Major Kilgore was badly wounded and my Lieut. has died this morning. We were five miles in the rear, at the time of battle, we were not allowed to leave but at night we came down and Saturday the boys, the most of them, I got permission to come down & the Doctors, and it does me good to see this dear boy [illegible] I do all manner of

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Sisters, Mary-Lee & Tom, while the surgeon was amputating - is always taking off legs and arms all day, and is still at work at it to day. Oh I tell you it is awful, awful, and all I can see as I damn the war & damn every body that makes war = I am now in a hospital that I have not been in before and I find two boys of Co A that went to send word one is John Ford Lies near the burying ground, is wounded in the back, the ball came out on his breast bone in the front, — do not consider it dangerous will be at home before next week = Say to his Father Hugh Sheridan is shot dead on the field = Dennis Carroll do say to his wife that he is a murderer in the sight of God murdered, not duly-bears. is going tonight to Louisville where she will leave from him again = Just a word about us Lou — as I write = Just as I am = Send the news of the victory

Send the news of victory to Miss Hannah Ford